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Gary Cohen has been involved in the practice of environmental law for over 20 years. He represents clients throughout the country on Clean Water Act-related issues including the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit negotiation; NPDES permit appeals; defense of enforcement actions; pretreatment program review and development; multi-jurisdictional agreements; industrial user contracts; development of enforcement response plans; and development of permits for industrial users. In addition, his expertise includes NPDES and pretreatment litigation defense, regulatory counseling, Section 404 wetlands permitting, underground injection, solid waste and sludge regulation, facility siting and hazardous waste counseling and litigation.

Mr. Cohen received his law degree from the State University of New York (Buffalo) where he clerked for New York State Supreme Court Justice Kuszynski on matters relating to the Love Canal personal injury causes of action. He also served with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Water Enforcement and Permits, where he developed regulations and policies under the NPDES, pretreatment, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), and Underground Injection Control (UIC) programs. His experience includes participation on EPA Permit Assistance Teams and review of state NPDES (including pretreatment), RCRA and UIC programs for EPA approval/delegation. Mr. Cohen was the primary author of EPA's policy pertaining to implementation of RCRA requirements for clean water utilities under the RCRA permit-by-rule regulation. He was also responsible for addressing inter-media issues impacting clean water utilities and other NPDES regulated facilities. He also worked for EPA's Office of General Counsel (regarding RCRA issues) and Office of Enforcement and Compliance Monitoring (regarding NPDES and wetlands enforcement actions).

Mr. Cohen is a member of the New York, California, and Washington, D.C. bar associations. He is the author of numerous publications on pretreatment, NPDES, and other environmental matters and frequently lectures on these topics. Mr. Cohen has served as an expert panel member for the Pennsylvania Pretreatment Forum and has been awarded the coveted *C. Eber Wingert Clean Streams Award* presented by the Central Pennsylvania Water Quality Association.